

## ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

July 2, 2018

2:00 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke held its Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 450, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding, pursuant to Section 10, Meetings of Council, Charter of the City of Roanoke, at which time the newly-elected Members of the Council officially took their seats.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Michelle L. Dykstra, John A. Garland, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-6.

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb-1.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Mayor declared the existence of a quorum.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the Organizational Meeting is for the newly-elected Members of City Council to officially take their seats; whereupon, he called attention to a communication from the City Clerk advising of the following report of qualifications:

Joseph L. Cobb as a Member of Council for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022; and as Vice-Mayor for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020;

Djuna L. Osborne as Member of Council for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022; and

William D. Bestpitch as a Member of Council for a term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022.

(See communication and Oaths of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Without objection by the Council, the Mayor advised that the communication and report of qualifications would be received and filed.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JOSEPH L. COBB AS A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL AND VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: Council Member Bestpitch offered the following resolution recognizing the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb as a member of City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke:

(For full text, see resolution on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

(#41179-070218) A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Joseph L. Cobb to be a member of the City Council and Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book 79, Page 721.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41179-070218. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garland and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

Inasmuch as the Vice-Mayor was unable to be attendance at the Organizational Meeting of City Council, Mayor Lea read into the record a letter of gratitude from Vice-Mayor Cobb.

(See copy of letter on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF THE HONORABLE ANITA J. PRICE AS THE VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: Council Member Garland offered the following resolution recognizing the services of the Honorable Anita J. Price as the Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(#41180-070218) A RESOLUTION paying tribute to the Honorable Anita J. Price, and expressing to her the appreciation of the City and its people for her exemplary public service as the Vice-Mayor of the City of Roanoke.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book 79, Page 721.)

Council Member Garland moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41180-070218. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

ESTABLISHING A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018, AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 2019: Council Member Dykstra offered the following resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018, and terminating June 30, 2019:

(#41181-070218) A RESOLUTION establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018, and terminating June 30, 2019.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book 79, Page 722.)

Council Member Dykstra moved the adoption of Resolution No. 41181-070218. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea-6.

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

CERTAIN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL: A communication from Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr. recommending certain committee assignments for the Mayor and Members of City Council as follows:

- Personnel Committee - Composed of the seven members of Council. Council Member Dykstra as Chair and Council Member Garland as Vice-Chair.
- Greater Roanoke Transit Company, Board of Directors - Composed of two Members of Council. Council Member Bestpitch as President and Council Member Price as Vice-President.

- Audit Committee - Composed of at least three Members of the Council. Council Member Price as Chair, Council Member Bestpitch as Vice-Chair, and Council Member Dykstra as third member.
- Council liaisons to the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners. Council Member Garland as the Liaison and Council Member Osborne as Alternate Liaison.
- Three Elected Official representatives to the Roanoke Valley-Allegheny Regional Commission. Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Members Bestpitch and Garland.
- Council representative to the Total Action for Progress Board of Directors. Vice-Mayor Cobb.
- Council representative to the Roanoke Valley Regional Cable Television Committee. Council Member Osborne.
- Legislative Committee - Composed of all Members of Council. Council Member Bestpitch as Chair and Council Member Dykstra as Vice-Chair.
- Elected Official representative to Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority and the New River Valley Commerce Park Participation. Council Member Bestpitch.
- Two Elected Official representatives to Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. Vice-Mayor Cobb and Council Member Garland.
- Two Elected Official representatives to the Roanoke Valley Area Transportation Planning Organization. Council Members Bestpitch and Garland.
- Council representative to the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission. Mayor Lea.
- Virginia Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy Committee. Council Member Garland as the Elected Official representative and Christopher Blakeman, Environmental Manager, as the Staff representative.
- Virginia Municipal League Human Development and Education Policy Committee. Council Member Price as the Elected Official representative and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk, as the Staff representative.

- Virginia Municipal League General Laws Committee. Council Member Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative and Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney, as the Staff representative.
- Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee. Vice-Mayor Cobb as the Elected Official representative and Mark Jamison, Transportation Manager, as the Staff representative.
- Virginia Municipal League Economic Development Policy Committee. Council Member Osborne as the Elected Official representative.
- Virginia Municipal League Finance Policy Committee. Council Member Dykstra as the Elected Official representative and Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance, as the Staff representative.
- National Civic League Board of Directors. Mayor Lea as a Board member.
- Virginia Municipal League Legislative Committee. Mayor Lea as the Elected Official representative.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved that City Council concur in the Mayor's recommendation as abovementioned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Organizational meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.; and immediately reconvened the regular session of City Council.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session immediately following its Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018, in the City Council Chamber, Room 450, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr., presiding, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Section 2-15, Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, Regular Meetings, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and pursuant to Resolution No. 41181-070218 adopted by the Council on Monday, July 2, 2018.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, Michelle L. Dykstra, John A. Garland, Djuna L. Osborne, Anita J. Price and Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.-6.

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb-1.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robert S. Cowell, Jr., City Manager; Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney; and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk.

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Michael Covington, Pastor, Greater Hope Temple Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.

PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE.

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: The Mayor advised that City Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard. All matters would be referred to the City Manager for response, recommendation or report to Council, as he may deem appropriate.

MISCELLANEOUS: Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N. W.; and Alexandros Filth, 319 Mountain Avenue, S. W., appeared before the Council to share concerns regarding the City.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Members of Council and would be enacted by one motion in the form, or forms, listed on the Consent Agenda, and if discussion were desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL: Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, June 4, 2018, was before the body.

(See Minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Price moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea.-6

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REGIONAL PROGRAM  
 COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD-ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD  
 ADVOCATES-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION-ROANOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 BOARD-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD: Report of qualifications of the following  
 individuals were before the Council:

Laura Eichenlaub as the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board  
 representative of the Court Community Corrections Regional Program  
 Community Criminal Justice Board for a three-year term of office ending  
 June 30, 2021;

Russell E. Thomas as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood  
 Advocates for a term of office ending June 30, 2019;

Macklyn Mosley as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a  
 three-year term of office, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30,  
 2021;

John R. F. Lewis and Douglas Jackson as members of the Roanoke  
 Public Library Board for three-year terms of office, each, commencing  
 July 1, 2018 ending June 30, 2021; and

John R. F. Lewis as a Citizen at Large member and Charlsie Parker as a  
 member (Public/Government) of the Youth Services Citizen Board, for  
 three-year terms of office, each, ending June 30, 2021.

(See Oaths or Affirmations of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Price moved that the report of qualifications be received and  
 filed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dykstra and adopted by the  
 following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and  
 Mayor Lea.-6

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

#### REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION: NONE.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager shared the following comments:

### **Roanoke's Fireworks on the Fourth**

- The City will host its annual fireworks display
- Wednesday, July 4 at River's Edge Sports Complex South
- Activities begin at 7 p.m., fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.
- **New Information:**
  - This year we are using a new location for shuttle buses – Patrick Henry High School – due to the road construction occurring around Virginia Western Community College.
  - Shuttles will run from the Patrick Henry High School parking lot to River's Edge beginning at 6:45 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. Shuttles will also run after the fireworks show to return people to the high school.
  - If it rains on July 4, we will reschedule the fireworks for the following day, July 5, at the same time.

### **Changes to Solid Waste Collection**

- City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.
- As a result, solid waste collection for Wednesday and Thursday routes will be delayed by one day.
- **Residential/Commercial Schedule:**
  - Monday – Normal collection of trash, (B week) recycling and bulk
  - Tuesday – Normal collection of trash, (B week) recycling and bulk
  - Wednesday – Closed for Independence Day
  - Thursday – Collecting Wednesday routes for trash, (B week) recycling and bulk.
  - Friday – Collecting Thursday routes for trash, (B week) recycling and bulk.
- This information is posted on the city's website. Anyone who has questions should call 853-2000, option 1.

### **National Night Out**

- Tuesday, August 7
- This is a unique focus on crime prevention in neighborhoods, sponsored annually by the National Association of Town Watch on the first Tuesday in August.



- Neighborhood events are designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.
- Public safety agencies, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood crime watch groups, and local officials will participate in the events.
- For more information or to register your event, visit [www.roanokeva.gov/nno](http://www.roanokeva.gov/nno) or contact Bob Clement, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 853-5210.

## CITY ATTORNEY:

CITY CODE: The City Attorney submitted a written report recommending the readoption and reenactment of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member Bestpitch offered the following ordinance:

(#41182-070218) A ORDINANCE to readopt and reenact the Code of the City of Roanoke(1979), as amended; and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 79, page 724.)

Council Member Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 41182-070218. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea.-6

NAYS: None-0.

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

## INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

**CAMPAIGN ISSUES:** Council Member Bestpitch commented on issues that were raised during the campaign season for City Council, primarily gun violence, poverty, race relations, and transportation.

## VACANCIES ON CERTAIN AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL:

**REAPPOINTMENTS/APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2018 VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES:** The Mayor called attention to the reappointments/appointments of the 2018 Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees; whereupon, he opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Bestpitch placed in nomination the names of the following individuals:

Virginia Municipal League Environmental Quality Policy Committee. Council Member Garland as the Elected Official representative and Christopher Blakeman, Environmental Manager, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Human Development and Education Policy Committee. Council Member Price as the Elected Official representative and Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, City Clerk, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League General Laws Committee. Council Member Bestpitch as the Elected Official representative and Daniel J. Callaghan, City Attorney, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee. Vice-Mayor Cobb as the Elected Official representative and Mark Jamison, Transportation Manager, as the Staff representative.

Virginia Municipal League Economic Development Policy Committee. Council Member Osborne as the Elected Official representative.

Virginia Municipal League Finance Policy Committee. Council Member Dykstra as the Elected Official representative and Amelia Merchant, Director of Finance, as the Staff representative.

There being no further nominations, the abovementioned individuals were reappointed/appointed as Members of the Virginia Municipal League Policy Committees, by the following vote:

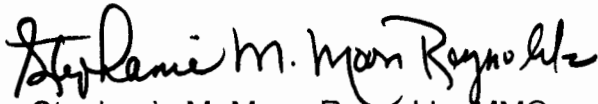
FOR MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES: Council Members Bestpitch, Dykstra, Garland, Osborne, Price and Mayor Lea.-6

(Vice-Mayor Cobb was absent.)

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lea declared the regular meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds, MMC  
City Clerk



Sherman P. Lea, Sr.  
Mayor

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